



CUSTOMER NUMBER 27792

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Brown et al. Attorney Docket No: MICR0201
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Title: DISTRIBUTED LOAD BALANCING FOR SINGLE ENTRY-POINT
SYSTEMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2005, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner reconsider the application for which a Request for Continued Examination is concurrently being filed in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. The claims are amended as set forth below.